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**SIR:**

**In response to the official action dated 08/24/05, please amend the present application  
as indicated below under "Amendments to the Claims" :**